

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

In the news

Yards of Month winners announced

The winners of the Yards of the Month competition for April were announced by the 82nd Mission Support Group commander. The winners in Capehart are Maj. John Lamantia, 80th Operations Support Squadron, on the officer side, and Master Sgt. Michael Wenk, 82nd Training Wing, on the enlisted side. The Bunker Hill winner was Master Sgt. Walter Purevich, 362nd Training Squadron. Tech. Sgt. Adam Sykes, 363rd Training Squadron, was the winner in Wherry. All winners received letters of congratulations from the Mission Support Group commander and a gift from the base exchange.

NAF property sales change hours

The NAF property sales have changed times and are now being held weekly on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There are a wide variety of items for everyone, including tables, chairs, lamps, fans, irons, ironing boards, luggage holders, televisions, microwaves, and VCRs. The sales are held at Bldg. 2140, which is located behind DRMO on Heritage Way. Acceptable methods of payment are cash and personal check with DoD ID card.

Community assessment survey continues

The community assessment survey is still in progress. Every individual who receives a survey is asked to complete and return it in a timely manner. For more information, call Mr. Jeffrey Pixler, family advocacy outreach manager, at 6-2271, or visit the base public communication Web site at <http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa>.



Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

Folding the flag

Airman Joshua Jaburek, a student from the 360th Training Squadron; Airman William Robinson, a student from the 362nd Training Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Lele Truong, a student from the 383rd Training Squadron; fold the flag during a retreat ceremony in front of the 82nd Training Wing headquarters building. A retreat ceremony is performed by members of the student color guard every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in front of Bldg. 400.

Air Force eases Stop-Loss restrictions

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the Stop-Loss program, which took effect May 2.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were released from Stop-Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 specialties and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said they will use Stop-Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

"We've re-evaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the funda-

mental principles of voluntary service," General Jumper said.

This announcement is the result of an in-depth review, said Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

"A number of different factors went into the review process," Major Forest said. "We had to consider the balance between the active duty and air reserve component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide."

Deployed active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose specialties are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Air reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

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Team Sheppard Training 2003



82nd Training Wing: 24,215 students trained to replenish America's combat capability
80th Flying Training Wing: 75 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Photo courtesy of Ms. Mary Green

Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, pose with Craig Hawks, Rane Stringer, Gabrielle Abbas and the thank you sign they made. The children and staff at the child development center thanked the generals for enhancements made to their playground. Some of the funding for the improved playground area was provided by AETC in recognition of Team Sheppard's good stewardship of the Government Travel Card program.

Recycle bins and trash cans

Question: Who decided to supply recycle bins that are almost twice the size of our trash bins?

I have to pull our van out of our carport to bring it to the curb. In any case, our family of five makes a lot more trash than recyclable material. We buy products that are made of mostly recycled materials, and we recycle everything we can. But we don't see the need for such a large recycling bin.

At Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, we each had two trash bins, and each was as large as the recycling bin we have been provided with here. I could see supplying Wherry housing's two-bedroom residents with the smaller trash cans that have been provided by this base, but for a family of five or six those miniature trash cans won't do.

Answer: We are sorry to hear that your recycle bin is an inconvenience for you.

A lot of effort went into the selection of this type of container. Many people asked for ones that rolled around and were bigger. It was picked to make it easier for the contractor to separate the items being recycled, plus to encourage

occupants to recycle more. It also helps to reduce rodent problems in some parts of our housing areas.

The more we recycle, the cheaper our refuse costs become. Base housing residents can choose which container to use. At this time, housing occupants are not required to use the large containers; yours has already been exchanged. Anyone else with the new container can also exchange it for the old style at the Self-Help Store.

The small trash containers that were provided to each household were not meant to take care of all of the household trash but to supplement occupants' containers. The intention was to provide a trash container to every household to help enforce the policy of excluding plastic bags being set out unprotected.

We had a problem with animals tearing into the bags and trash being strewn all over. We have since seen an improvement in this area.

Someday, when funds are available, we would like to provide larger trash cans as well as the new style recycle bins to all our family housing occupants. In the meantime, we'll make the most of what we have and keep trying to innovate.

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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Commander's commentary: Check out Team Sheppard TV

By Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

82nd Training Wing commander

Have you turned on Channel 14 recently?

All I can say is WOW! This channel changed!

I'm sure you all remember the slides that ran on the Commander's Access Channel.

They were a great source of information, but not too exciting to watch.

Well, now you have coming to you Team Sheppard TV, Channel 14! TSTV-14 will give you the same information that the old Commander's Access Channel did about happenings and events on base, but now you get national and international news, sports scores, and special video programming.

If you look in *The Sheppard Senator* each week, you'll find the "TV Guide" for our new and improved channel.

Also, as you're going around base, over time you'll notice TV monitors popping up in new places, like the commissary, base exchange and cloth-



ing sales to name a few. These will be "information portals," or locations where TSTV will be the only channel shown. Just look up and you'll see what's happening around your base.

TSTV is yet another weapon in the information arsenal, from the new electronic marquees, to the base paper, to the Sheppard Portal, to e-mails. And this is a great tool to get your organization's message out to the base population.

As you continue to watch TSTV Channel 14, let our public communication team know what you think by e-mailing them at [tsv@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:tstv@sheppard.af.mil). They want your feedback.

Tune in today; tune in everyday.

82nd Training Wing commander

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

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23 pilots graduate from ENJJPT Class 03-05

By Ms. Lynn Gonzales

Base public communication

Twenty-three pilots will graduate from the 80th Flying Training Wing's Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program during ceremonies tonight at 7 p.m. at the base theater.

ENJJPT trains undergraduate pilots for nine NATO countries: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Turkey and the United States. In addition to these countries, Canada, Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom provide flight instructors for the program.

Approximately 250 pilots complete the 55-week training program each year. Today's graduation of ENJJPT Class 03-05 includes 14 pilots from the United States, 6 from Italy and 3 from Germany.

Italian Lt. Gen. Daniele Tei, commander of the Italian Air Force Academy, is the guest speaker for tonight's graduation. The general is a command pilot with almost 2,400 flying hours in 12 different types of aircraft, with 2,000 of those hours in jet aircraft.



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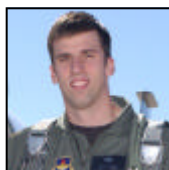
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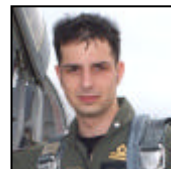
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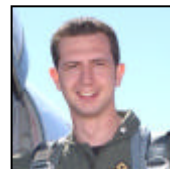
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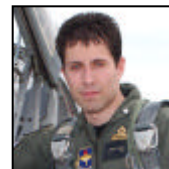
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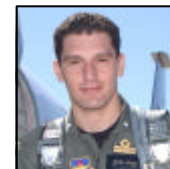
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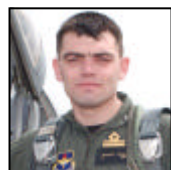
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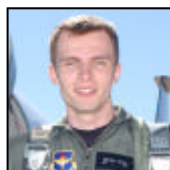
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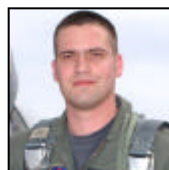
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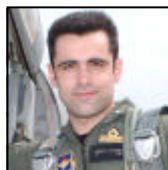
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AETC commander's visit

Mr. Jim Hale, 82nd Services Division chief, briefs Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, on renovations taking place at the base library. The library was one of the general's stops when he visited Sheppard Tuesday to open the Senior Leader Maintenance course.

Sewer repairs planned for Capehart

Some occupants of Capehart family housing will be affected by a new sewer repair contract just awarded to AFCO Technologies of San Antonio, Texas.

The \$350,000-plus contract is the fifth phase of a multi-phase project designed to replace deteriorating sewer pipes throughout Capehart. The work done under this phase will include all units on Falcon and a short portion of Polaris.

The pipe replacement is done using a new technology called "Pipe Bursting," where the old pipe is broken by expanding it from the inside, and new pipe is pushed through the space thus created. This eliminates much of the need for digging and trenching work, which tore up yards and caused problems for housing occupants.

Housing occupants affected by the contract will be notified

before work starts on their quarters.

Officials from the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron note that there will be some occasional inconvenience, as some units will have their driveways closed for short periods of time. Also, some brief utility outages may occur, but these will be kept to a minimum, officials add. (Courtesy of the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron)

Air Force implements new Senior Leaders Maintenance Course

First class of new course conducted here Tuesday

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

Base public communication

The commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. Don Cook, and his staff conducted their first chief of staff of the Air Force-approved Senior Leaders Maintenance Course class at Sheppard Tuesday.

This two-day class was comprised of 13 AETC operational flying wing commanders from throughout the command. Future classes will be held at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for vice commanders, maintenance, operations and mission support group commanders, deputy commanders, and civilian equivalents.

"The course instructs senior leaders

in best maintenance practices, maintenance discipline, fleet health, the combat wing organization team and stress-resistance the importance of the CWO team working together to make the new wing organizational structure work best for the Air Force," said Mr. Art Andrews, chief of the maintenance requirements section at Air Education and Training Command directorate of logistics.

The course began with a video address from the chief of staff of the Air Force, followed by an AETC commander's perspective briefing.

Brig. Gen. David Stringer, director of logistics for AETC, conducted the remainder of the course.

Competitive Sourcing Office officially opens

The 82nd Training Wing Competitive Sourcing Office officially opened for business with a ribbon cutting ceremony in its new office, located in Bldg. 1624, 401 K Avenue, Suite 7, on May 8.

The office is the project manager for the Air Education and Training Command congressionally mandated A-76 study on Sheppard. The office is responsible for managing the competitive sourcing process from congressional announcement to completion of the study.

Mr. Sam Graham, the deputy director of the office, said, "We've been told to standby for a new announcement during the summer of 2003 that will focus on essentially the same areas that were studied last time."

"We're here to ensure that there is a level playing field between potential commercial service providers and the most efficient organization that will write the government bid," he said.

Team Sheppard members will staff the competitive sourcing office. Col. Kathy Jones will be the director, and four additional competitive sourcing managers will help facilitate the development of the performance requirements document. First Lts. Matt Human and Scott Cassano and Tech. Sgts. Laurie

Johnson and Craig Weisgarber will be responsible for various base operating support commercial service areas.

While work on the new performance requirements document has not yet started, Colonel Jones has made the connections with base officials that will allow her to start the process on announcement.

"Colonel Jones and our office are engaged with organized labor and base leadership to ensure that we have a smooth start when the congressional announcement of a new study is made," Mr. Graham said.

"I have every reason to believe that with the exceptional people who live and work on Sheppard Air Force Base working with us as a team, we'll be able to bring a successful conclusion to the study," he added.

The study will affect every military member assigned to an area under study. It also has the potential to affect almost every civilian employee on the base.

For more information, people can call the A-76 Hotline at 6-2555, send an e-mail to a76@sheppard.af.mil, or visit the competitive sourcing office Web site. (Courtesy of 82nd Training Wing Competitive Sourcing Office)

API Month Events

Tuesday and May 27
Library story time on Asian Pacific Islander culture,
10:30-11 a.m.,
base library

Wednesday
Free cooking and craft demonstrations
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., south chapel

May 30
Grand luau,
6-9 p.m.,
enlisted club,
\$12 per person

For more information on the events, call 6-2031.

STOP LOSS

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The actual "termination" of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because Air Force officials and combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Major Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force.

If airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop-Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

"Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop-Loss," Major Forest said. "We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements."

Military personnel flights have more information.

Jazz ensemble to perform concert in Burkburnett

Dimensions in Blue Jazz ensemble from the Air Force Band of the West will present a concert May 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Burkburnett Friendship Park Amphitheatre. The performance is free of charge and open to the public. This group performs a wide variety of music ranging from the classics of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Woody Herman, to the more contemporary sounds of Rob McConnell, Bob Mintzer, and Frank Mantooth.

Officers' spouses' club to hold May luncheon

The Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a May luncheon and board induction meeting Wednesday at the officers club. The following events are scheduled: a social at 11 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the program on the thrift shop will start

at noon. Cost is \$8.95. The menu will be oriental chicken caesar, Kaiser roll, cheesecake, coffee and tea. Reservations are required for lunch and childcare. Call 855-7303 to make a reservation or for more information.

Booths available for squadron booster clubs

Squadron booster clubs can earn money for their morale programs by manning concession booths at the base air show to be held June 14-15. A lottery will be conducted Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the community center conference room to assign booths to each organization. Representatives from each organization must arrive by 3:15 p.m. to participate in the lottery. There is a limit of one booth per booster club per organization. For more information, call 6-2645.

Contracting squadron to sponsor blood drive

The 82nd Contracting Squadron will sponsor a blood drive Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the community center multi-purpose room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Derrick Rhea at 6-5184 or Tech. Sgt. David

Bustamante at 6-4440.

Manpower office to hold lunch and learn

The 82nd Training Wing Manpower Office will hold a lunch and learn May 28 at 11 a.m. at the officers club. The topic will be priorities and leadership for success. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Bridgman, the author of a book on principles of success for business. Contact Tech. Sgt. Kevin Keehnen at 6-7317 for more information.

AETC policy mandates driving with headlights

Air Education and Training Command's policy to drive with headlights on during periods of inclement weather regardless of the time of day is now in effect. For more information about safety policies, call the 82nd Training Wing Safety Office at 6-4149.

Coordinate special events with security forces

When planning a special event on base and anticipating non-military affiliated guests, contact the 82nd Security Forces Squadron at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled event by calling 6-

7616 for entry procedures.

Summer hours change for MSU

Midwestern State University's Sheppard office in Bldg. 402, Room 340, will be operating at different hours until Aug. 22. The office will be open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. Contact Ms. Delores Jackson, MSU military outreach coordinator, at 855-4491 for more information.

Vernon College changes to summer hours

Vernon College will change their on-base administrative office hours for the summer until Aug. 15. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and will be closed on Fridays. Call 855-2203 for more information.

Housing residents to keep streets clean

Base housing residents need to not only maintain their yards and carport areas, but also the area from their curb to the middle of the street. Residents are asked to not blow grass clippings and

leaves into the street. For more information, call the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron at 6-5769.

Children learn safety when home alone

The family advocacy program offers a class for children, ages 9 to 11, to learn how to help keep themselves safe when home alone. The Home Alone Class is offered quarterly, and class sizes are limited. Call 6-2271 to schedule.

Chapel to hold Couples Ministry Spring Retreat

Protestant Religious Education will hold the annual Couples Ministry Spring Retreat May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the south chapel. The retreat will focus on teaching the four principles of how couples communicate with one another. There will be a continental breakfast and romantic lunch. The event is free, and the base community is invited to attend and be blessed by guest speakers Rev. Vincent and Dianne Lewis of Denver, Colo. To RSVP or for more information, call Mrs. Jan Taylor at 6-8321.

Student Activities

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 7-9 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment, free.

Every Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub, free.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. - Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B music, free.

Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Night, free.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Club BDU dance, \$3 per person.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the ballroom, \$2 per person.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Red River Café Hours of Operation

Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

Club BDU to honor Armed Forces Day with dance

Club BDU will hold a dance for Armed Forces Day Saturday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call 6-7659.

Club BDU to celebrate Memorial Day with special dance

The student center will hold a special Club BDU Memorial Day dance May 25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be DJ music for hours of dancing. Call 6-7659 for more information.

Center to show cards, collectibles

Cards and collectibles show will be held on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the student center. The next one is June 7. The show is free. For more information, call 6-7659.

Chapel events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 3-9 p.m.

Sunday

Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

Community center events

Free table tennis classes offered

Free classes are held every Monday and Friday. Professional tournament instructors are available. For more information, call 6-3866.

Community center to hold pool tournament

Pool tournaments are held every Saturday at 2 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. There will be first- and second-place trophies. Call 6-3866 for more information.

Center provides free video night

The community center has a free video night every night beginning at 5 p.m. with the big screen TV at the lounge on the second floor. People can watch a movie of their choice from a wide selection. For more information, call 6-3866.

Other events

Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their birthdays on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Contact the cashier to pick up a birthday card registration form.

Students should indicate their entire choice and when they want to celebrate. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Airman Josue Santos and Airman 1st Class Carlos Morones, 360th Training Squadron, convert a dorm room bed for the Memorial Day Bed Race. Teams of five non-prior service students will decorate and race beds from noon to 4 p.m. on May 26 at the central park beside the student center.

Students build beds for Memorial Day Bash

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Base public communication

Non-prior service students will race beds down the streets of Sheppard on Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Bash will take place in the central park, located on the north side of the student center, from noon to 4 p.m., on May 26. In addition to the bed race, the event will feature a rock climbing wall, bungee bull riding, DJ music and free hamburgers and hot dogs.

The event, which is sponsored by the student center, is open to all non-prior service students and registration is open until the event begins. No registration is necessary to participate in the cookout and other Memorial Day festivities.

Participants in the bed race will race through an obstacle course of cones. Each team will compete against the clock and prizes will be awarded to the fastest

team of bed racers.

"It's a lot of fun," said Ms. Lisa Christman, assistant manager of the student center, "We provide the beds and the students decorate them for the races."

Students will have the opportunity to show their squadron spirit through their decoration of the beds and their support for the racers. Four students will push the bed through the obstacle course, while another student rides the bed through the obstacle course and back.

Prizes will be awarded based on total time in the obstacle course, team spirit and decorations.

The bed race is one of many events offered by services to the base community. A boat race will be held at the community center for permanent party personnel on June 10. For more information on the bed race and other programs for students, contact the student center 6-2491.

For movie show times and general activities at Services facilities, see Sheppard Scenes on Page 16.



Photo by Mr. Lynn Bullard

First Lt. Maurice Mays, 82nd Medical Support Squadron, and Mr. Bev Foster grill hot dogs for Enlisted Appreciation Day, an event sponsored by the Company Grade Officer Council. More than a thousand members of Team Sheppard's enlisted force attended the cookout.

CGOC holds base's first Enlisted Appreciation Day

By Capt. Coretta Johnson

Sheppard Law Center, Company Grade Officer Council

The Company Grade Officer Council sponsored Sheppard's first Enlisted Appreciation Day on May 9.

Enlisted members from around the base came to the hospital pavilion for a free lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, potato salad, baked beans, chips and dessert.

The food was prepared and served by many field-grade and company grade officers from throughout the base. Col. Theresa Casey, 82nd Medical Group commander, among others, flipped hamburgers while dancing to the music provided by a local radio station.

In addition to food and fellowship, a local organization provided free massages to those willing to

try it, and some enlisted members won door prizes donated by local merchants who said they also wanted to express their appreciation for the enlisted troops.

During the event, Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, said he was delighted with the large turn-out of the "world's greatest enlisted force" and with the outstanding job done by Capt. Delores Anderson, the chairperson for Enlisted Appreciation Day, and her staff of CGOs.

In addition to those comments, many enlisted members said they enjoyed the fantastic food and fun.

Master Sgt. Angela Wood noted that it was a pleasure to know that so many CGOs and other officers were interested in thanking their enlisted members.

While leaving the event, a master sergeant from the 82nd TRW shouted, "I feel appreciated!"

Views

Why the journey to the wings is so important

By Greek Maj. Petros Doulaptsis

90th Flying Training Squadron Section II commander and Greek senior national representative

In one of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program's flight rooms, there is a frame on the wall with an apothegm written, "Do not forget your goal," and under this sentence someone has glued the pilot's wings.

Here in ENJIPT, we are producing pilots. We are taking young students and elevating them to become successful pilots. We are helping them to reach their goal, or I shall say the goal to be a pilot, to get their wings.

In order to do so, they go through a difficult process, which requires a lot of effort to hit their ultimate target: the wings. The journey to this target is extremely difficult, painful, fierce and stressful and is made to be like this.

This training system was structured by the instructor pilots to be as challenging as possible, making it hard to succeed by leaving little room for errors and demanding endless hours of studying with a vast amount of numbers to memorize. This multilingual environment also has a huge spectrum of accents, which a student needs to be familiar with.

But at the end, the compensation is well deserved: the wings, the goal. Our students, of course, have always complained, saying, "Sir, the time passes by so fast, and there are so many books to learn by heart, so many numbers to get off."

Our answer is, "Yes, we know about it, but do not forget your goal is to get the wings."

But, let me rephrase that. Being a Greek, studying the Greek philosophy for many years at school, and referring to Greek mythology, I will say to my students a big "no."

No. The goal, I dare to say, is not the wings. We, the instructor pilots know that a student who gets his or her wings has not become a full pilot yet. The Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals has to come, and the Fighter Training Unit is after that. Then, they have a two-ship leader qualification, which is followed by a four-ship leader qualification. The requirements go on.

So, if the wings that our students are given with the successful completion of the Undergraduate Pilot

Training are not the goal, then what is hidden behind all this effort?

Let's travel back to that ancient Greek epic poem, "The Odyssey," where, according to Homer, Ulysses after the end of the war in Troy starts his journey towards his beloved family and the island he was born on, called Ithaca.

Ulysses knew his goal was to reach Ithaca, but he was not aware of the journey that awaited him. The question now concerns the journey. Why was the journey to Ithaca so important?

Here's what the poet says:

When you set out on your journey to Ithaca, pray that the road is long, full of adventure, full of knowledge. The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops, the angry Poseidon — do not fear them: You will never find such as these on your path, if your thoughts remain lofty, if a fine emotion touches your spirit and your body. The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops, the fierce Poseidon you will never encounter, if you do not carry them within your soul, if your soul does not set them up before you.

My advice to my students is to make the most of their journey. It is this journey that is building the necessary experience in order to comply with the difficulties of becoming a good pilot. They should not forget that it is equally important to keep a great attitude and to have positive thoughts because the journey is what really counts.

Getting the wings is exciting and very important toward building their confidence, but it is not until the later part of their training that they will figure out how important their effort was in order to achieve their wings and the effort they will have to provide until the end of their career to reach their Ithaca, their goal.

So, do not forget these words:

Always keep Ithaca in your mind. To arrive there is your ultimate goal. It is better the journey last for many years; and to anchor at the island when you are old, rich with all you have gained on the way, not expecting Ithaca to make you rich. Ithaca has given you the beautiful voyage. Without her you would have never set out on the road. She has nothing more to give you.

And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not deceived you. Wise as you have become, with so much experience, you must already have understood what Ithacas mean.



Bicycle helmet safety tips

Bicycling is not just for young children and teenagers.

It's a popular fitness activity for health-conscious adults, and it provides an alternative means of commuting for the environmentally conscious. However, bicycling without a helmet can lead to serious head injuries.

Without a helmet, the fall from the bike to the ground can kill a person. For this reason, a helmet is essential. A certified helmet can greatly reduce the chance of head injury. People should follow the

following guidelines for helmet use:

1. Make sure the helmet fits the head.
 - Try the helmet on before buying it.
 - Adjust the chinstrap firmly but comfortably.
 - Try another helmet size or design if simple hand pressure shifts or tilts a helmet significantly on the head or forces it off.
2. Wear the helmet correctly.
 - Wear it every time you bicycle.
 - Wear it low on the forehead just above the eyebrows.
 - Always fasten the chin strap firmly.
3. Read and follow all direc-

tions carefully.

- Only use manufacturer-approved decorations and cleaners.
- Replace the helmet if it has been damaged.
- Replace the helmet at least every five years.

According to AFI 31-204, SAFB 1, Attachment 1, "Helmets are mandatory. No person will ride a bicycle on the installation without wearing a helmet. Helmets must be approved by DOT, ANSI or the SMF." (Courtesy of Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to public safety testing and develops standards and test helmets to those standards for international use)



Photo by Mr. Lynn Bullard

A journeyman lineman performs the "hurt man rescue," an event designed to test the skills of a climber to rescue an injured lineman. This event was one of the five tasks evaluated during the lineman rodeo held here Saturday.

Base hosts first Air Force Lineman Rodeo

By Mr. Mike McKito

Base public communication

Five electric utility teams from around the country competed in the first U.S. Air Force Lineman Rodeo held here Saturday.

"I'm confident that this is the start of something big," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Trevino, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency and chief judge for the event. "I would like to see a team from every command to include Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves compete in this event."

The purpose of the rodeo was to enhance individual and team safety while building on communication skills that are necessary when working as a team.

"This was a great opportunity to exchange ideas with other members of our profession and to be able to hone our skills," said

Master Sgt. Shaun Rohmiller, 366th Training Squadron electrical systems course superintendent, and host of the event.

Safety was paramount during the event.

"Participants were graded on safety first. The tasks chosen are designed to perfect techniques used in live-line maintenance," said Sergeant Rohmiller.

Three-man teams from each base participated in five events, from rescuing a hurt lineman to changing a power transformer.

The goal that every team strived for was the right to be called "the best in the Air Force."

When it was over, the team from the North Dakota Air National Guard at Fargo earned that honor. Second place went to the team from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., and third place went to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

How to avoid patriotic scams

Scam artists are playing on America's pride and concerns about homeland security in order to peddle bogus products and services.

The number of scams surges during wartime, but people must always be a prudent patriot.

The Better Business Bureau has identified three types of war-related pitches:

(1) pleas for funds to help troops or war victims.

(2) appeals to patriotism and claims of affiliation with, or approval from, the government or well known charities, such as the Red Cross.

(3) promotions that hype fear and panic relating to the terrorist threat.

Be cautious of pitches that include, "give money to help," "buying X benefits the troops," "take action before it's too late," or other similar statements.

For people who decide to donate money or purchase patriotic products or services, here are some tips:

Check out any unknown business or not-for-profit organization with the BBB at www.bbb.org. Give at www.give.org, or a local consumer protection agency.

An example of this would be www.wichitafalls.bbb.org. Also, request written information about a charity or a company's charitable donation program; any reputable group should have some basic information available.

Though the Department of Defense does not endorse any specific charities, people can visit www.army.mil/operations/oif/FAQ.html to find various military relief societies that provide assistance to service

members and their families.

For medical-related products or supplies, consult the Food & Drug Administration at www.fda.gov or the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov for more information.

Carefully verify any claims that sound too good to be true. They probably are.

Do not panic or overreact to sales pitches that are long on emotion and short on details.

If there had been a newsworthy story or breakthrough, you would not hear it first in an advertisement.

Do not succumb to sales pressure. Take the time to evaluate the offer, determine if you need or want the product or service, and comparison shop.

Never reveal personal or financial information to an unknown caller or in response to an unsolicited e-mail.

People should not assume they are dealing with a legitimate or reputable source. Also, never give or make a purchase in cash.

Do not abandon common sense.

Though major combat has concluded in Iraq, the possibility of scams playing on patriotism and fear of terrorism still runs high. Following the tips above can help protect people and aid in making smart purchases and donations.

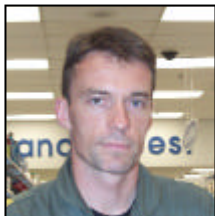
People who need legal advice regarding a patriotic scam should make an appointment with the Sheppard Law Center by calling 6-4262. People can also visit their Web site at https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/82trwia/index.html. (Courtesy of the Sheppard Law Center)

Soundoff

What do you do to stay in shape?



"I play basketball and exercise on a stationary bicycle." ~ Master Sgt. Paul Dulin, 82nd Training Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office



"I like to rollerblade, golf and snow ski." ~ German Air Force Lt. Cmdr. Peter Schroth, instructor pilot, 80th Flying Training Wing



"I run at least a mile every other day, lift weights and a little bit of everything at the gym." ~ Mrs. Cerilla Beaver, senior sales associate, jewelry department, base exchange



"I participate in track and cross country activities." ~ Airman 1st Class Jill Burke, 366th Training Squadron



USAF Photo courtesy Air Combat Command

Flyin' high

An A-10 Warthog flies high during a mission. A-10s will perform during Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration, the air show commemorating the Wright Brothers' first flight, on June 14-15. A variety of other aerial demonstrations and activities will be featured throughout the open house weekend. For more information about the air power celebration, watch for coverage in *The Sheppard Senator*, or check out www.sheppard.af.mil/airshow.



Sgt. Looksharp says...

The wear of hats in eating establishments is prohibited. Additionally, any shorts, which expose the buttocks, are prohibited on the installation.

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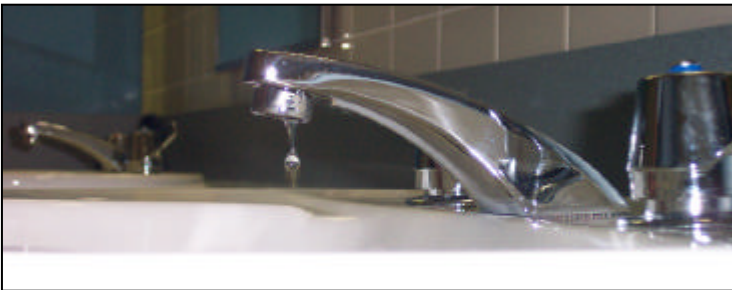


Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

Conserving water is vital to protect this natural resource.

82nd CES offers tips for water conservation

By Mr. Timothy Hunter

Base agronomist, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron

In order to help conserve water, Team Sheppard members must do their part and follow base water guidelines.

The base has a watering policy in the housing guide that includes recommendations on irrigation. The guide states lawn watering is prohibited between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There are posted signs at the entrances of each housing area asking occupants to conserve water. Housing inspectors will ask occupants to curtail water usage when they notice water running down the street.

Earlier this spring the grounds contractor was repairing irrigation systems on base. This was necessary to keep lawns and trees from dying. The base has now resumed normal watering operations.

Building managers who operate irrigation systems are also required to comply with the base watering hours.

In an effort to help Team Sheppard conserve water, the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron offers the following tips:

No lawn watering will take place between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering will be allowed only before and after this time.

No run-off from any type of watering is allowed. If it's necessary, water to the point of run-off then shut the water off. Resume when the water has had enough time to penetrate the soil, which is usually about 30 minutes.

Water the yard and trees every five to six days.

Spot water. Drier areas require more water than areas where the water settles.

Don't water the pavement. Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn, not in areas where it

is not needed.

Accept less than a lush lawn. Grass will naturally go dormant during periods of drought.

The best time to water is in the early morning hours. There is less wind and the temperature is cooler, both of which directly affect the evaporation rate.

Don't let the water run while washing the car. Use a spray nozzle that will shut-off the water when not in use.

Report water leaks such as dripping faucets as soon as they are found.

Turn off the water while shaving, brushing teeth and washing face or hands.

Run the dishwasher when full of dishes, or use the water saver cycle.

Unlike the dishwasher, people can control the amount of water used by the clothes washer. Select the proper water level for each load of laundry.

Achievers

Sheppard members ace CDC exams

The following trainees scored 90 percent or better on Career Development Course examinations taken in April:

Airman 1st Class Larry Crosby, 82nd Communications Squadron, communications-computer systems operations journeyman; Staff Sgt. Brian Leedom, 362nd Training Squadron, F-16/117 aircraft maintenance craftsman; and Staff Sgt. Evelyn McClure, 365th Training Squadron, information management craftsman.

Sheppard boasts Senior NCO Academy DG

Master Sgt. Lisa Rand, 82nd

Medical Group, was recently named a distinguished graduate from the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

383rd TRS announces annual awards

Col. Donald D. Dunton NCO Ophthalmic Technician of the Year: Staff Sgt. Ryan Coffey; Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Robert Bradley; Field Grade Nurse of the Year: Lt. Col. Anita Wolfe; Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Outstanding NCO of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Michaelle Gordon; Col. Floyd M. Morris Optometrist of the Year: Maj. Dawn Werner; Clinical Excellence Award: Lt. Col. Aldo Domenichini; Col.

Donald D. Dunton Ophthalmic Technician of the Year: Master Sgt. Julia Bailey; Instructor of the Year: Staff Sgt. Joseph Sanchez; Safety NCO of the Year: Staff Sgt. George Koehler; Ground Safety Award: Staff Sgt. George Koehler; Senior NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate: Master Sgt. James Sedoris; Civilian Training Manager of the Year: Ms. Joan Nehlsen; Enlisted Instructor Supervisor of the Year: Master Sgt. Ronald Patin; CDC Writer of the Year: Master Sgt. James Sedoris; TDE Chief of the Year: Ms. Brenda Conner; Training Resource Manager of the Year: Ms. Wanda Dansby; and Entry-Level Civilian of the Year: Ms. Robin Hart.

General activities

Lake Texoma to rock Memorial Day weekend

Sheppard Annex Lake Texoma will have a Memorial Day weekend celebration May 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Double Shot band will perform in the lodge from 7-11 p.m., playing a variety of music including the 50s, country and 70s rock. The bar will also be open. Call (903) 523-4613 for more information.

Dining halls to have Memorial Day lunch special

Dining halls 516, 726 and 1368 will have a Memorial Day lunch special May 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call food service at 6-7226.

Give Parents a Break Program to hold session in June

The Give a Parents a Break Program is being held at the child development center the first Saturday of every month from 1-5 p.m. The next session is June 7. Those eligible to use the program include parents of children 6 weeks through 5 years old whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY or required to work extended shifts. Also included are those parents who have been experiencing extenuating family circumstances such as the birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family or extended illness of a family member. Register two weeks in advance or call to check on availability. The last day to register is the Wednesday before the Saturday session. Call 6-2038 for more information or dates.

Ceramics shop open for summer hours

The ceramics shop is open for summer hours. They have all the materials needed to start creative projects and offer free lessons. More than 2,500 craft projects are available with a full-line of paints, glazes and supplies. The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the Health and Wellness Center building. Summer hours of operation are Wednesdays-Fridays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.

Club activities Oldies but goodies to rock enlisted club

The enlisted club will hold an oldies but goodies night Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Music from the decades of oldies will play throughout the night. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers club to serve western BBQ buffet

The officers club will serve a western barbecue buffet Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. All ranks are welcome. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for non-

members. Membership pays! Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Bosses to bring buddies to enlisted club

The enlisted club will hold a boss and buddy night Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the sports bar. All ranks are welcome. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers club to offer two-for-one prime, wine

The officers club will serve a prime and wine meal May 23 from 5:30-8 p.m. The meal includes two 10 oz. ribs with two glasses of wine. Cost for members is \$16.95, and cost for non-members is \$19.95. Membership pays! All ranks are welcome. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Enlisted club now closed on Sundays

The enlisted club is now closed on Sundays. Call the enlisted club at 6-2083 for more information.

Duffy's Lounge changes weekend hours

Duffy's Lounge is now open on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., Fridays from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., and is closed on Saturdays. For more information, call 6-6460.

Base clubs to close for Memorial Day

The officers and enlisted clubs will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day. They will reopen during normal hours May 27. Call 6-6460 or 6-2083 for more information.

Upcoming trips, show ITT planning upcoming trips in May, June

ITT is planning several trips for the months of May and June. Call 6-6210 for more information about any of these trips.

May 24 – Scarborough Faire and Medieval Times, cost is \$70 per person. Register by Tuesday.

June 7 – Polar Ice and Gameworks at Grapevine Mills, \$43 per person. Register by June 3. Departs at 9 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation, ice skating at Polar Ice and \$30 game card for Gameworks. It will return to base at 7 p.m.

June 14 – Hurricane Harbor, cost is \$32 per person. Register by June 9. Departs at 8 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation and water park admission. It will return to base at 7 p.m.

June 28 – Six Flags Over Texas, cost is \$40 per person. Register by June 23. Departs at 7 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation and theme park admission. It will return to base at 8 p.m.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Closed for ENJPT Graduation

Friday 9 p.m.

Closed for ENJPT Graduation

Saturday 2 p.m.

What a Girl Wants

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Chicago

Saturday 7 p.m.

A Man Apart

Sunday 2 p.m.

What a Girl Wants

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

A Man Apart

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Chicago

**This schedule is subject to change without notice.
For movie information, call 6-4427.**

What a Girl Wants (PG) – Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth – Daphne goes to London, where she discovers that her father is Lord Henry, an aristocratic politician. When her style creates an uproar in high society that threatens Henry's political career, Daphne immerses herself in upper crust British social and political events to please her father and fit in with her new family.

Chicago (PG-13) – Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones – When Roxie kills her lover, she, like the infamous Velma, ends up in prison.

Billy, the notorious lawyer, postpones Velma's court date to take on Roxie's case, and turns Roxie's crime of passion into celebrity headlines. The two women stop at nothing to outdo each other in their obsessive pursuit of fame.

A Man Apart (R) – Vin Diesel, Timothy Olyphant – After Agent Vetter, a DEA agent, takes down a player from the Baja Cartel, a new one takes over. When Vetter's wife is murdered, he and his partner must join forces with the jailed Cartel to hunt down the new player.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel

Saturday, 3-9 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Saturday, 3 p.m., Marriage Group, South Chapel

Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel

Sunday, noon, North Chapel

Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Protestant Holy Communion Service, Hospital Chapel

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Book Study and Compline, Hospital Chapel

Religious education

Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Tuesday, 6 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, noon, Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel

Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177

Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel

Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

Buddhist activities, call Terry Kelley at 6-4963 or 322-7389

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370



Sheppard Spotlight: 15 lines of Fame

1. **Name:** Raymond Hale
2. **Rank:** Technical Sergeant
3. **Organization and position:** 82nd Aerospace Medical Squadron, noncommissioned officer in charge of mobility and deployments.
4. **Hometown:** Calion, Ark.
5. **Married or single:** Married, wife: Master Sgt. Shelia Hale, children: Tia, Erica, Michael and Ryan.
6. **Hobbies or favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Hunt, fish and coach youth sports.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** Riding my bicycle into a telephone pole while talking to a friend behind me.
8. **Why did you join the Air Force?** By default. I went to a Marine recruiting office for final paperwork processing, and he had gone to lunch.

The Air Force recruiter stopped me in the hallway. Two weeks later, I was at Lackland for basic training.

9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** I truly enjoy the military way of life and the Air Force family. I hope to have the opportunity to serve my country and my Air Force for years to come.

10. **Date arrived at Sheppard:** Feb. 15, 2001

11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Sending personnel down range knowing they are trained and prepared to complete the tasks they have been asked to accomplish and the return of all personnel after a successful deployment.

12. **Favorite book or movie:** "Lincoln On Leadership" and "Heartbreak Ridge."

13. **What is your dream vacation?** Two weeks in Alaska during the summer months.

14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, to learn his leadership style.

15. **Most prized possession:** My family and my rights as an American citizen.

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Members of the Wichita Falls Community Band practice at the Hirschi High School band room.

Sheppard members team up with local musicians to form Wichita Falls Community Band

**By Airman 1st Class
Pamela Lampert**

Base public communication

Several Team Sheppard members are getting involved in the local community by becoming part of the Wichita Falls Community Band, and they are encouraging others to do the same.

The band is comprised of about 50-70 local musicians, including several from Sheppard.

The band was started in October and has performed locally, both at the Kemp Center and at Sikes Senter Mall.

Anyone who is interested in playing in the band is welcome to participate. Practices are held

each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hirschi High School band room.

Members range in age from high school students to senior citizens. The band is open to all skill levels.

"I used to play trumpet and baritone in high school and took about a 20-year break," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Norstad, 365th Training Squadron A-10 instructor supervisor and trumpet player in the band. "Many of the band's members are people who played in high school and are just now picking it back up."

Sergeant Norstad said there is a wide range of experience levels in the band. Some members have only been playing for

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Photos by Mr. T. R. Steele

Tech. Sgt. Scott Norstad, 365th Training Squadron A-10 instructor supervisor and Wichita Falls Community Band member, plays his trumpet during practice.



The Wichita Falls Community Band practices each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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a year or two; others are professional musicians.

"I'd encourage anyone with musical knowledge to come out and join us at a Tuesday practice. We're always looking for new members," said Sergeant Norstad.

Sergeant Norstad said he enjoys the fun aspect of playing in the band.

"I love to play, and it's always more fun to be part of a big group," he said.

Anyone interested in seeing the band perform can attend their Lucy Park concert June 3 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Comptrollers give back to community through military association

The local chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers contributes to the base and local communities.

The Red River Chapter of ASMC, in cooperation with the 82nd Comptroller Squadron, completed a Christmas in April project in Burk Burnett on April 26. Christmas in April is a national organization whose mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, the disabled and families with children, live in warmth, safety and independence.

An ASMC team will also participate in the Relay for Life on June 6-7 at Barwise Junior High School in Wichita Falls. Relay For Life is an event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society.

According to the ASMC constitution, "The purpose of the society is to promote the education of the individual for the improvement and development of his capabilities relating to military comptroller-ship."

Comptrollers are those military members who work in the professions of financial management in the Department of Defense and Coast Guard.

This includes various fields



such as accounting and finance, auditing, budgeting, financial management, management analysis, comptrollership, cost analysis, program analysis, resource management, statistics, and other supporting activities.

Professional development is accomplished through mentorship, local meetings, scholarships, attendance at professional development institutes, and assistance in obtaining Air Force and national certifications.

Membership in ASMC is a way to meet and learn from financial managers at all Air Force levels and corporate members from the local community.

For information on becoming a member in the Red River Chapter of ASMC, call the membership chair, Mr. Scott Gilmore, at 6-7353, or the publicity chair, Ms. Dani Hurley, at 6-2866.

(Courtesy of the 82nd Comptroller Squadron)

Want your military organization featured in the base paper? Tell us about it. E-mail sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil.



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www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa.

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Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.

Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Today

5:30 a.m. ~ History of Air Mobility Command

11:30 a.m. ~ 50 years of the Uniform Code of Military Justice

6 p.m. ~ Safety Hour

Monday

4:30 a.m. ~ Ms. Susie Luchsinger

10:30 a.m. ~ Sound of Freedom

4:30 p.m. ~ 50 years of UCMJ

Saturday

7 a.m. ~ *Dr. Jim Lundy*:

Communicating for Understanding

10 a.m. ~ The Mission and History of the Air National Guard

10:30 p.m. ~ Safety Hour

Tuesday

7 a.m. ~ Communicating for Understanding

1 p.m. ~ Safety Hour

9:30 p.m. ~ Ms. Susie Luchsinger

Wednesday

9 a.m. ~ Safety Hour

3 p.m. ~ Sound of Freedom

11:30 p.m. ~ *Heloise*: Life and the Military

Sunday

2 a.m. ~ 50 years of UCMJ

10:30 a.m. ~ *The Sound of Freedom*: The Berlin Airlift and the General Who Changed History

9:30 p.m. ~ *Ms. Susie*

Luchsinger: Guest Speaker at Sheppard's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday

2 a.m. ~ 50 years of UCMJ

8 p.m. ~ Communicating for Understanding

4 p.m. ~ *Heloise*

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Adoptive mom gets Mother's Day gift on TV

By Ms. Amy Schiess

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFP) - The first time she looked into the eyes of the skinny little 7-year-old with long, straggly, blonde hair, she had no idea she was facing what was to be her greatest challenge and deepest love.

But Ms. Marilyn Petricek, an employee in the Logistics Management Directorate here, said she did know that God had brought this foster child into her life for a reason, and she was going to make the most of it.

"I had always wanted a daughter named Savanna and they said, well, we have this little foster girl named Savanna, and I just knew it was her," Ms. Petricek said. Department of Human Services officials then explained the child had been severely abused, was burned on 38 percent of her body, had to sleep in a burn suit, could not read, needed eyeglasses, had horrible nightmares, wet the bed and had infected teeth.

"They said all this stuff, and I'm like, 'Man ... she's a mess. Are you sure this is the one I ordered?'"

Now 13, Savanna is Ms. Petricek's greatest pride and biggest fan. To show appreciation for the years of sacrifice and care her adoptive mother invested in her bruised body and soul, Savanna wrote a letter to Oprah Winfrey.

It read, in part, "My mom, my angel, saved me. She was told I would never do well in school and that I would never play sports, but Marilyn (believe) in me. She adopted me and both of us never looked back."

Within a couple weeks of writ-



Photo by Mr. Eddie Edge

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – Ms. Marilyn Petricek and her daughter, Savanna, watch a videotaped message from Oprah Winfrey before going to Chicago to be on "The Oprah Winfrey show" on May 9. The two were invited to be guests on a Mother's Day-themed show after Savanna wrote a letter about how her foster mother, "her angel," adopted her.

ing the letter, the pair found themselves sitting in a Chicago studio telling their story for "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"When they called me I was like, oh my gosh, you actually read it!" Savanna said.

She told her grandpa about possibly being on the show, and he said she had, "one chance in a million."

"I told him no matter what, whatever it takes, I'm going to (meet Oprah)," she said.

Ms. Petricek said that same philosophy is what brought Savanna out of the depths of physical and emotional pain to be the well-adjusted teen she is today.

"She had so much courage just to survive and live," Ms. Petricek said. "She had no one there to help her through those ugly days and ugly hours of lying in the hospital, not knowing what's going to happen. There was no family there; there wasn't anybody there but doctors and nurses."

Savanna credits her turnaround to the force of a determined moth-

er.

"I just feel so special to be so lucky to have a mother like Marilyn. Her love, she shows it in her eyes. Whenever she looks at you, you know she loves you. It's unexplainable," she said.

Savanna now plays basketball, tennis and softball, plays in the band, and has been on the honor roll for four years.

"She has just overcome so much, and she doesn't feel sorry for herself, about her past or her scars," Marilyn said. "She's kind of forgotten about her past, and she's just this incredibly happy kid now."

Savanna said her happiness stems from feeling loved like never before.

"I want (people) to know what it is to be loved by her -- that's the best thing in the world, just to be loved."

Now, she will have the chance to tell the world about her mother on national television -- the best Mother's Day gift Marilyn could imagine.

Centennial of Flight: *This week in air and space history*

May 12, 1936 - The world's largest high-speed wind tunnel is put into operation at Langley Field Laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

May 12, 1941- The District Office of the Army Corps of Engineers in Denison, Texas, opened bids on the first phase of construction at Sheppard Field. One of the first projects to be completed under this supplemental contract was the laying of approximately 3,000 feet of water lines to serve the

Army base.

May 14, 1942 - The United States Congress establishes the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, under the direction of Oveta Culp Hobby, editor of the Houston Post.

May 14, 1973 - Skylab: Unmanned space station launched.

May 15, 1918 - The U.S. Post Office inaugurated airmail service from the Polo Grounds, Washington, D.C.

May 15, 1941 - The first Allied jet aircraft, the Gloster-Whittle E28/39, makes its first official flight.

May 16, 1907 - Wilbur Wright sails for Europe to complete negotiations for purchases of flying machines by Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany.

May 16-27, 1919 - NC-4, Navy Curtiss flying boats: First aircraft to span the Atlantic by American Navy Lt. Cmdr. A. C. Read.



Scams target military families, e-mail users

ST. LOUIS (AFPN) — Although the federal tax-filing season ended April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see isolated instances of new tax scams.

Two new schemes target families of those serving in the armed forces and e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

The IRS warns consumers to beware of any variation of a scenario in which a telephone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member he is entitled to a \$4,000 refund because his relative is in the armed forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage. The scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number as the call-back number to make the call seem legitimate. However, the scammer then charges unauthorized purchases with the victim's card.

Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non-IRS Internet Web page that asks for personal and financial information. Such information could be used

to steal the respondent's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts.

Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to:

- take over his or her financial accounts.
- run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards.
- apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name.
- file fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

The IRS wants to get word of these scams to military families before more damage is done, according to IRS spokesman Mr. Bill Barksdale.

"What we're trying to do is protect taxpayers from financial predators who are out there finding creative ways to steal from people," said Mr. Barksdale. "In this case (the latest military-related scam), it's not hard for these identity thieves to tell that lots of military folks are still deployed and, in many cases, their loved ones are left behind to figure out and finish the taxes."

Not all the phone calls will be the same, Mr. Barksdale said, but military people and their families should

be aware of the basic elements of these scams so they can guard against them.

"The calls may not be worded exactly the same, but it's a good chance the predator will do or say something to entice the military member or spouse to give up their credit card information, which they will then use to commit identity theft," he said.

He does not know exactly how many military families have fallen victim to these scams, but he hopes it is not many, Mr. Barksdale said.

"We're trying to get ahead of these scams," he said. "It's one of our priorities. Hopefully, once we get this information out, we will prevent other military families from becoming victims of identity theft."

People who believe they are victims of one of these scams can contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by calling the toll-free fraud referral hotline at (800) 366-4484, faxing a complaint to (202) 927-7018, or writing to the TIGTA Hotline at P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589. TIGTA's Web site is located at www.ustreas.gov/tigta. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

For more information about current Air Force news, check out www.af.mil.

Sports

Sports Shorts

South lanes to hold Colorama Tournament

A Colorama Tournament will take place at the south lanes May 24 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. Bowl in the dark, get strikes and win money. Call 6-2170 for more information.

North lanes to rock 'n bowl Friday, Saturday nights

A Glow in the Dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5-11 p.m. at the north lanes. The in-house rock radio station 300 plays the latest hits. For more information, call 6-4806.

Golf course to reopen with tournament

The Wind Creek Golf Course will hold a Grand Opening Tournament May 24 at 8 a.m. The tournament will be a four-person scramble. People can pick their own teams. Handicap is required. The field will be flighted based on handicap of teams. Cost is \$15 per player and includes cart and prizes. Green fees are extra. Call a golf course assistant at 6-6369 for more information.

Team Sheppard to train for Air Force Marathon

The Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 20. Cost is \$40 per person before July 1 and \$50 per person from July 1 to Sept. 5. Runners may complete the entire 26.2 mile race or form four-person relay teams. With commander approval, military members are entitled to permissive TDY and civilians may apply for Invitational Leave through their

supervisors. Meetings will be held to explain training, registration, travel arrangements and costs. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. David Lanning at 6-7740.

Spinning classes held at fitness center

The north fitness center holds spinning classes. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the north fitness center at 6-6336.

Aerobiccenter offers variety of classes

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Classes are offered between 5:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call 6-2972 for more information.

Abdominal class, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Step aerobics, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

Low impact step, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Basic step, Sunday at 2 p.m.

Intermediate step, Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

Advanced step/floor, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5 p.m.

Combo step, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Kickboxing, Tuesday at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Boot camp/circuit training, Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Yoga/pilates, Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 3 p.m.

Muscle sculpting, Tuesday and Thursday 9:15 a.m.

Abs and stretch, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Base Skeet League standings

Week # 5

Team	Score
Raytheon	48.760
382 TRS 'B'	48.650
82 Comm 'B'	48.540
360 TRS	48.400
82 Comm 'A'	48.050
383 TRS 'A'	47.880
82 CES	47.830
782 TRG	47.700
362 TRS	47.040
382 TRS 'A'	46.010
364 TRS	45.450
882 TRSS	44.800
365 TRS	42.390

Base pool schedule

Base pool passes are now on sale at Bldg. 2117. Passes for individuals cost \$35, and family passes cost \$65. Swim season starts May 30. Call 6-4141 for more information.

Daily fees:

16 years and older – \$2 per person
4 - 15 years – \$1 per person

Pool hours:

Main pool

Saturday and Sunday – Open for weekend

May 19 - 23 – Open for lap swim

May 30 – Open for the summer

Monday - Friday after May 30 – 1 - 7:45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday after May 30 – noon - 7:45 p.m.

North main closed on Tuesdays

South main closed on Thursdays

For more information, call 6-6494.

Bunker Hill water park

Saturday and Sunday – Open for weekend

May 30 – Open for the summer

Thursday - Tuesday after May 30 – noon - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesdays – closed

For more information, call 6-4161.

Capehart pool

May 30 – Open for the summer

Saturday - Wednesday after May 30 – noon - 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays and Fridays – closed

For more information, call 6-4281.

Water aerobics:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – noon, 5 and 6:15 p.m.

Call 6-7491 for start dates.

Lap swimming:

May 19 - Sept. 26, Monday - Friday – 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

May Fitness Month Events

Today and Saturday: Armed Forces softball tournament, 6 p.m. on May 16, 7 p.m. on May 17, Field 1. For more information, call 6-2022.

Saturday: Aerobithon, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., south fitness center, sign up by May 14. For more information, call 6-2972.

May 31: Muscle mania and closing ceremony, weigh-in starts at 9 a.m., south fitness center. For more information, call 6-2972.

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